

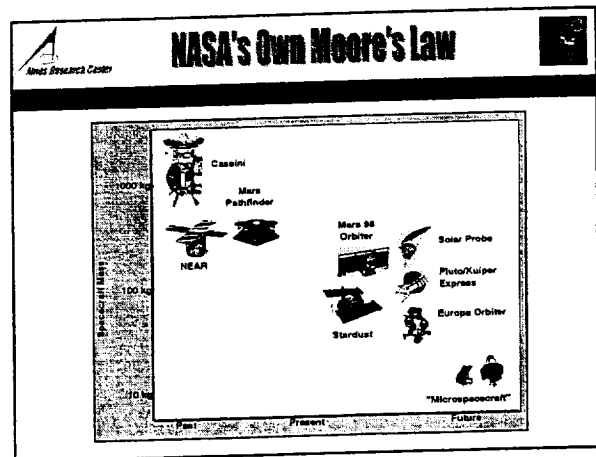
# Nano-Bio-Technology Based Materials and Devices For Healthcare

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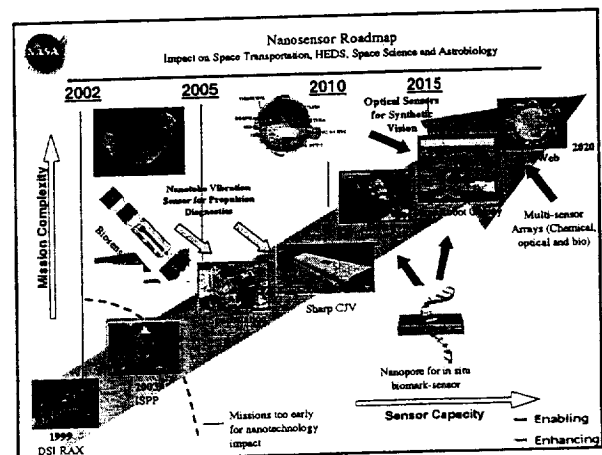
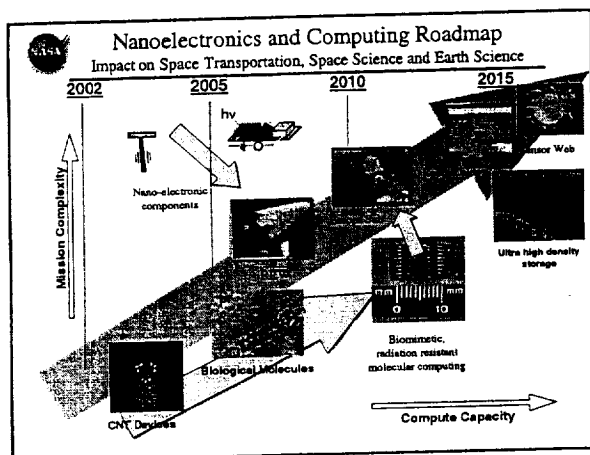
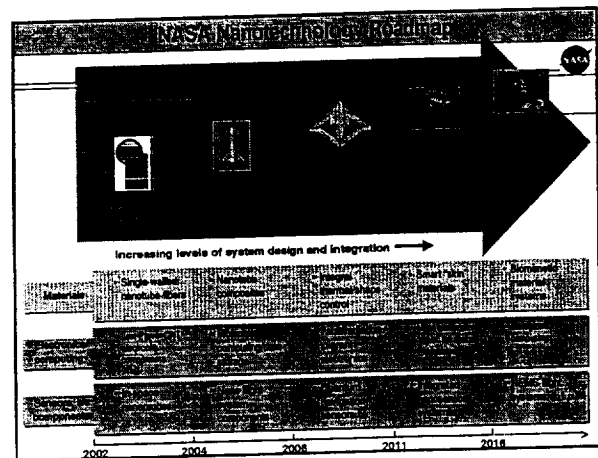
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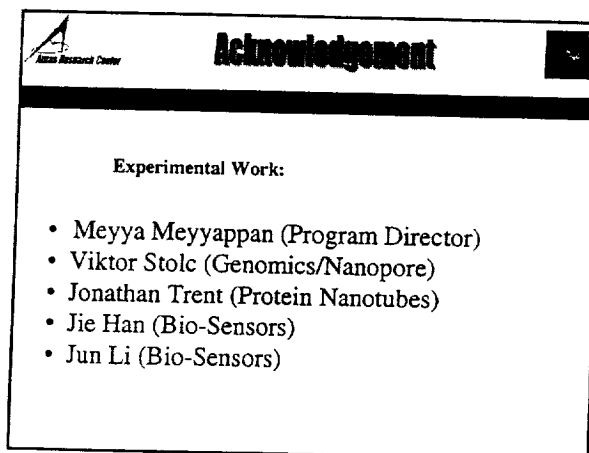
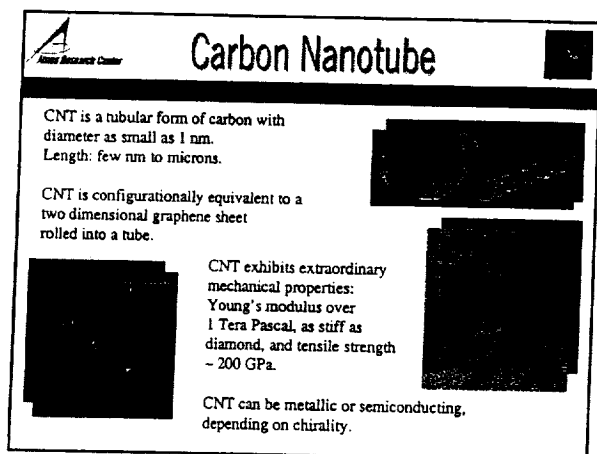
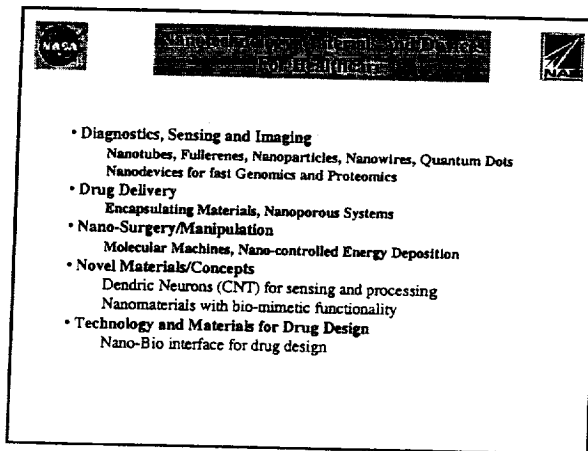
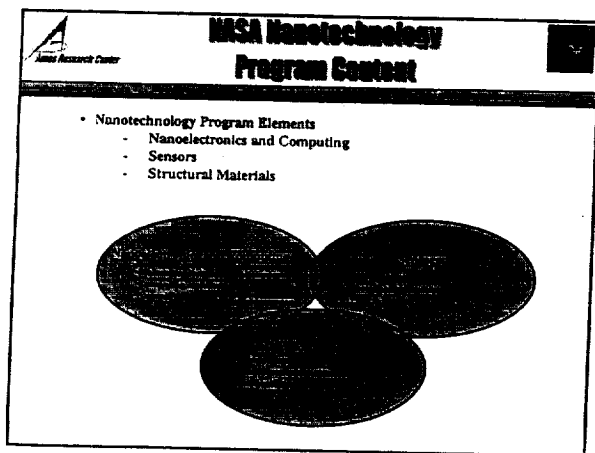
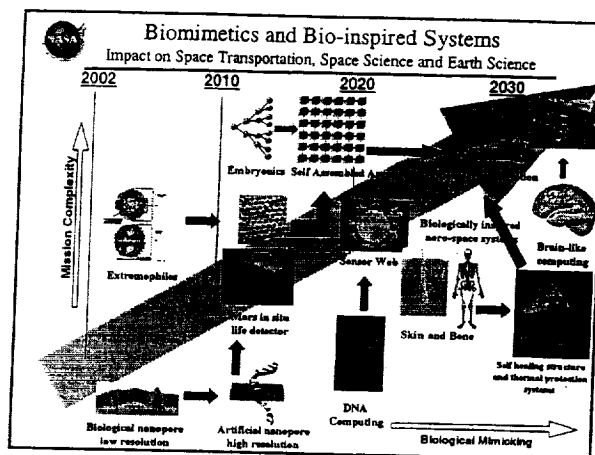
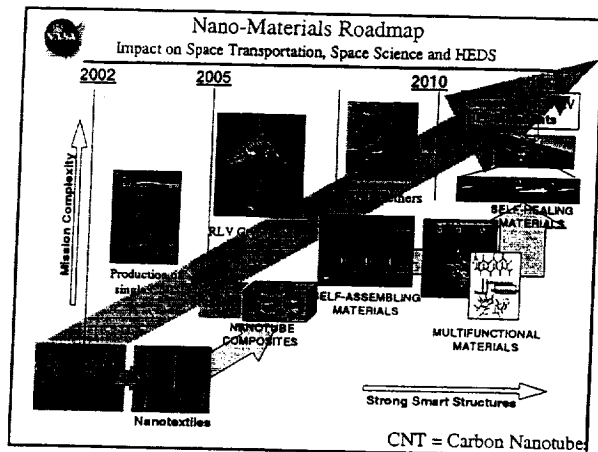


# Why Nanotechnology at NASA?

Nanotechnology is essential to meet the challenges of space exploration. It enables the development of new materials, devices, and systems that are smaller, lighter, and more efficient than traditional technologies. This is critical for reducing the mass and volume of spacecraft, which in turn reduces the cost of launch and increases the payload capacity. Nanotechnology also enables the development of new sensors and instruments that can provide more detailed and accurate data about the universe.

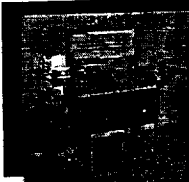
Networks of ultrasmall probes on planetary surfaces. Micro-rovers that drive, hop, fly, and burrow. Collection of microspacecraft making a variety of measurements.




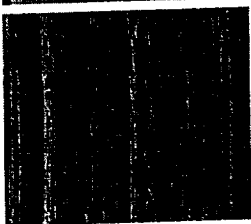
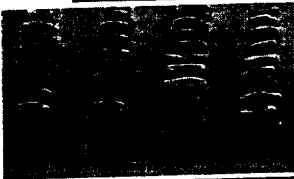


## CNT Synthesis

- CNT has been grown by laser ablation (pioneering at Rice) and carbon arc process (NEC, Japan) - early 90s.
  - SWNT, high purity, purification methods
- CVD is ideal for patterned growth (electronics, sensor applications)
  - Well known technique from microelectronics
  - Hydrocarbon feedstock
  - Growth needs catalyst (transition metal)
  - Multiwall tubes at 500-800° deg. C.
  - Numerous parameters influence CNT growth

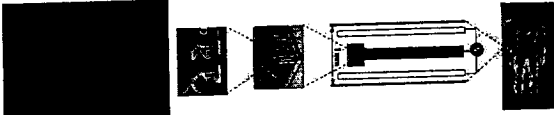


## Carbon Nanotubes at Ames

## CNT Based Biosensors

- Our interest is to develop sensors for astrobiology to study origins of life. CNT, though inert, can be functionalized at the tip with a probe molecule. Current study uses AFM as an experimental platform.
- The technology is also being used in collaboration with NCI to develop sensors for cancer diagnostics
  - Identified probe molecule that will serve as signature of leukemia cells, to be attached to CNT
  - Current flow due to hybridization will be through CNT electrode to an IC chip
  - Prototype biosensors catheter development



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## Solid-state nanopores for DNA sequencing:

the fastest method for sequencing nucleic acids

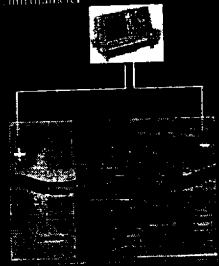
1 subunit/microsecond = 1 human genome in 2hrs

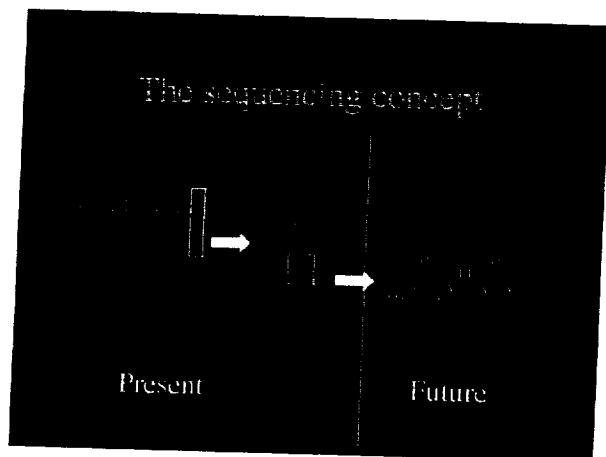
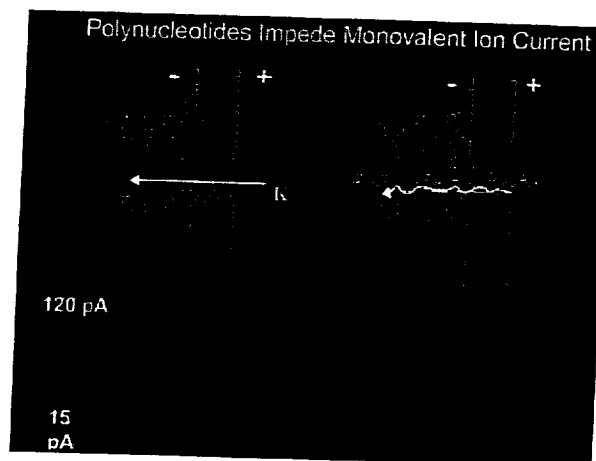
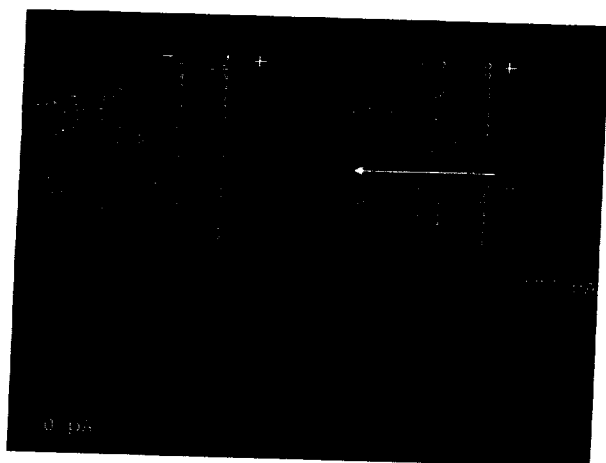
HGP: 13 years /single genome/ \$3 billion

## DNA Sequencing with nanopores

### The Concept

- Nanopore in membrane - 2nm diameter
- DNA in buffer
- Voltage clamp
- Measure current





- ### Impact/Applications:
- Rapid extraction of genetic information to enable:
1. *In-situ* detection of DNA, RNA, or protein on other planets.
  2. Identification of the genetic basis of phenotypic variation among all organisms on Earth.
  3. Personalized molecular medicine  
1 subunit/microsecond = 1 human genome in 2hr.

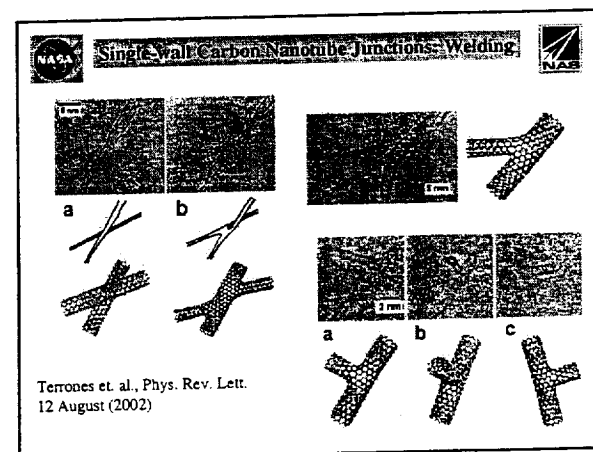
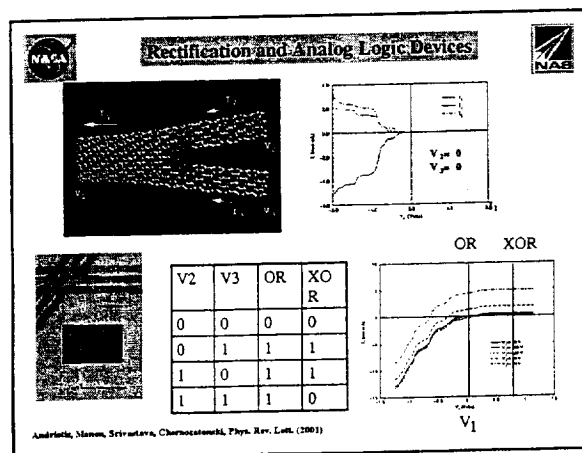
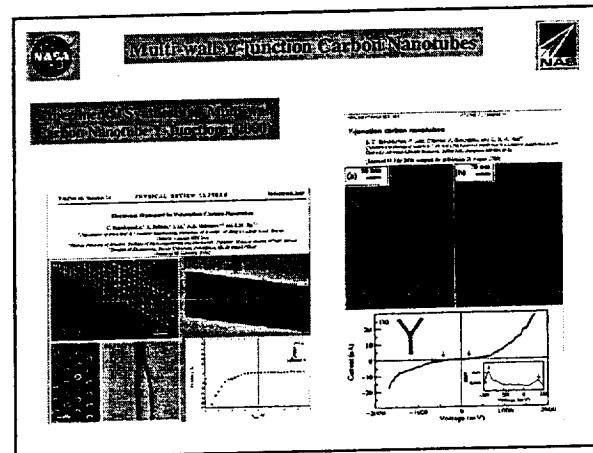
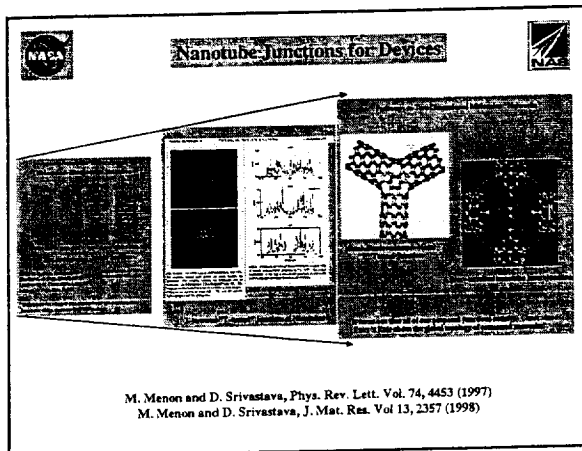
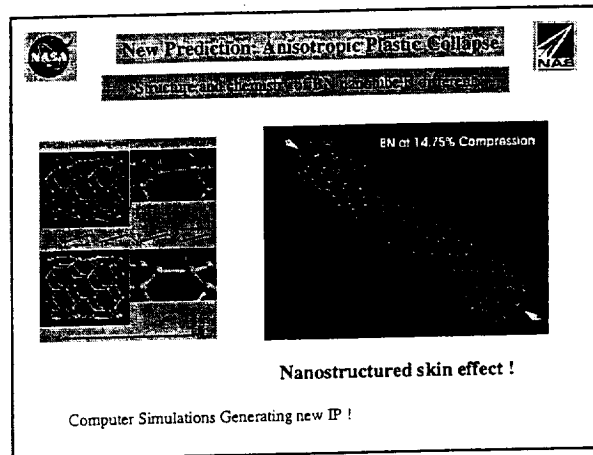
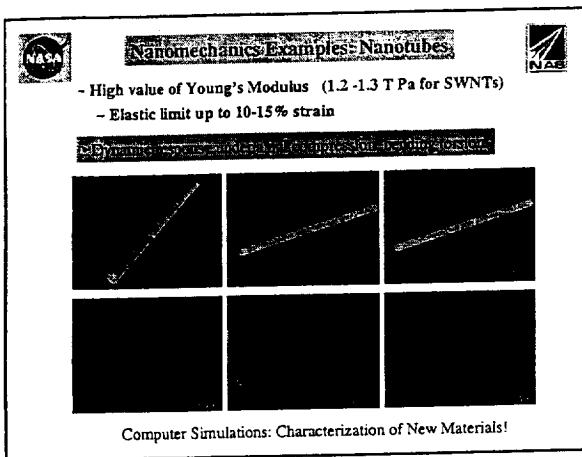
### Protein Nanotubes

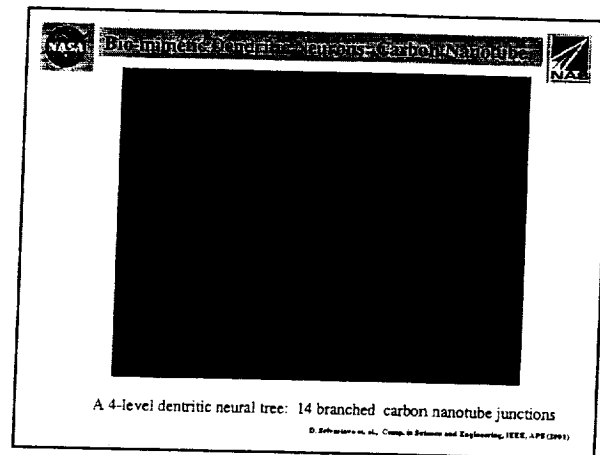
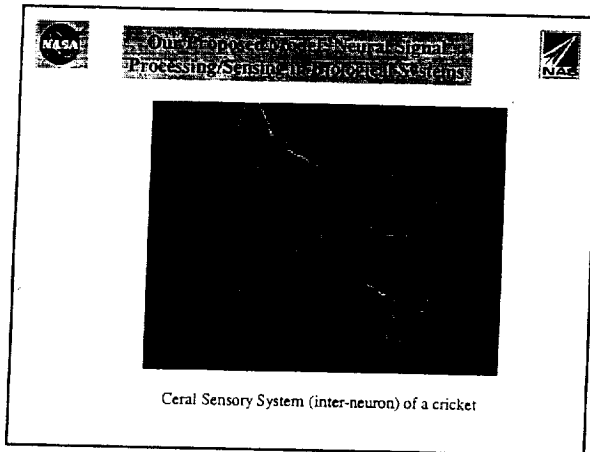
- Heat shock protein (HSP 60) in organisms living at high temperatures ("extremophiles") is of interest in astrobiology
- HSP 60 can be purified from cells as a double-ring structure consisting of 16-18 subunits. The double rings can be induced to self-assemble into nanotubes.

### Computational Simulation of New Materials and Devices

- Multi-Functional Materials for Biomimetics  
Nanostructured Skin Effect  
Nanoporous Materials with Controlled Pores
- Biomimetic/Revolutionary Concepts  
Evolutionary Computing and Sensing  
Self-Healing Materials
- Drug Design and Target/Drug Interactions  
Fullerene based drugs for HIV, ALS
- Bio-Molecular Machines

Computer Simulations: Characterization and Discovery of New Materials/Devices!





Bi-Informatics: Dendritic Neurons - Carbon Nanotubes	
<b>Biological Dendritic Neural Tree</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One dimensional cable theory + Hodgkin-Huxley model for action-potential based information flow</li> <li>• Information processing is coded in (a) branching at the junctions, and (b) time-series sequencing of the signal spikes</li> <li>• Input - output - control: is based on (a) structural details of the branches and junctions, and (b) via chemical environment</li> <li>• Short and long term memory is part of the structure: evolutionary in nature</li> </ul>	<b>Carbon Nanotube: Dendritic Tree</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic, acoustic, thermal, and chemical signal transmission and information processing</li> <li>• Information processing can be based on (a) branching + switching at the junctions, and (b) time series sequencing of signal-spikes</li> <li>• Input - output - control: can be based on (a) structural details, (b) chemical environment, and (c) physical contacts at the ends?</li> <li>• Short and long term memory can be part of structure by defect and chemical adsorbate placements: design for specific purpose/functionality</li> </ul>

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